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J 10.15.02**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Jane YE et al.

Art Unit: 1642

Serial No.: 09/817,198

Examiner: S. Rawlings

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Atty. Docket: CL001188

For: ISOLATED HUMAN RAS-LIKE PROTEINS,
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING THESE
HUMAN RAS-LIKE PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231*By Facsimile*

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action from Examiner Rawlings mailed on August 7, 2002 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. Please charge the Extension of Time fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0970.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group III, claims 4-6, 8-11, and 22-23, directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II and V-XII.

However, Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction because SEQ ID NOS:1 and 3 should be examined together, rather than being restricted into separate groups (e.g., groups III and IV). SEQ ID NOS:1 and 3 both encode the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, and MPEP §2434 specifically states that, "Nucleotide sequences encoding the same protein are not considered to be independent and distinct and will continue to be examined together."

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Please amend the application as follows: